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and their attorney respectfully request that the following patents and publications, copies of
which are enclosed herewith, be made of record in the official United States Patent and
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U.S. Patents

3,153,531
3,248,017
4,915,233

All of the above-listed references were cited in an International Search Report
issued in connection with applicants' corresponding International application (i.e.,
PCT/US01/47616), which was published as WIPO Publication No. 02/47602 on June 20,

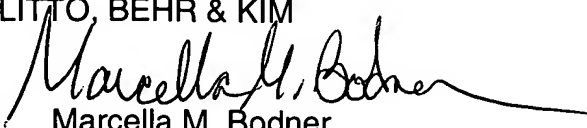
2002. With reference to the attached copy of the International Search Report, one can see that it appears to provide some indication as to the relevance of the cited references. For instance, US 4,915,233 and US 3,248,017 were each assigned both a category "X" designation (i.e., a document of particular relevance when taken alone) and a category "Y" designation (a document of particular relevance when combined with other documents). On the other hand, U.S. 3,153,531 was assigned a category "Y" designation only. In the foregoing circumstances, additional comments concerning the relevance of these references are considered unnecessary. Copies of all the above-listed references are enclosed herewith.

In order to facilitate the Examiner's citation of the patents and publications listed above, applicants' attorney has completed United States Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. The completed Form is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

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